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Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
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On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per
cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1362

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG
SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will
be conducted by the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their
principles in Hongkong. Business hours
on work-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250
at one time will not be received. No
depositor may deposit more than \$2,500
in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having
\$100 or more at their credit may at
their option transfer the same to the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration on fixed deposit for 12 months
at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per
annum will be allowed to depositors on
their daily balance.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with
a Pass-Book which must be pre-
sented with each payment or with-
drawal. Depositors must not make
any entries themselves in their Pass-
Books but should send them to be
written up at least twice a year, about
the beginning of January and begin-
ning of July.

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the Bank if marked On Hongkong
Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by
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Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,
but the personal attendance of the
depositor or his duly appointed agent,
and the production of his Pass-Book
are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,

F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1891. 754

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CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$8,168,062.50
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Drafts granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
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F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1891. 363

Intimations.

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LIMITED.

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(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)

Wholesale and Retail Druggists.
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THIS being THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
of our Firm, and the JUBILEE YEAR
of the Colony, "THE HONGKONG DISPEN-
SARY having been Established A.D. 1841," we
take the opportunity of thanking our
friends for their support during the last 50
years, and tender them the assurance of our
best services in the future as in the past.

We shall continue to import DRUGS,
CHEMICALS, and GOODS of every kind of
the BEST QUALITY ONLY as heretofore, at
prices that will be found to compare favour-
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with those ruling at home.

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THE DISPENSARY, HANKOW.

THE DISPENSARY, TIENSIN.

LONDON OFFICE,
106, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
21st January, 1891. 130

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION for the
Post of CLERK AND INTERPRETER
in the Botanical and Agriculture Department
will be held on THURSDAY, the 21st of February,
at 2.30 p.m. before the Register Office of
the Company, 9, Praya Central, on the
large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, BILLIARD
and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.
Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABEE & HING KEE,
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Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

Business Notices.



HAVE JUST RECEIVED A NEW LOT OF

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WALKING STICKS AND UMBRELLAS.

HOSIERY AND OUTFITTING.

NEW SCARFS and CRAVATS.

MORNING and EVENING GLOVES.

SHIRTS, COLLARS and HANDKERCHIEFS.

CARDIGAN JACKETS (With Sleeves).

SADDLERY and STABLE REQUISITES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 8, 1891. 52

W. POWELL & CO.

NOW OFFERING.

A SPLENDID LINE OF SEASONABLE DRESS GOODS,

AT 16 CENTS PER YARD.

W. POWELL & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, January 24, 1891. 156

ROBERT LANG & CO.,

TAILORS, GENERAL OUTFITTERS, &c.

(OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

OUR STOCK of SEASONABLE GOODS is now complete in all the NEWEST
MATERIALS, comprising—A Large Variety of DRESS SUITING from \$30,
upwards. TWEEDS for SUITS, USTERS and INVERNESS CAPE. CORDS and
ELASTICS for RIDING and SHOOTING, BRUCHES and LEGGINGS.

EVENING DRESS SHIRTS, COLLARS, TIES, GLOVES, SILK, LISLE
THREAD and CASHMERE SOCKS; PATENT LEATHER PUMPS and SHOES,
etc., &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, January 8, 1891. 52

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION of the
above Establishment, situated in one of the most central
and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost
the entire harbour and within a few minutes walk of the principal Government
Offices (including the Post Office, Banks, &c., &c.), has recently been much en-
larged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most
comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Services of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious,
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Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

INTIMATIONS.

A. G. GORDON & COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FINAL NOTICE.

A Regular CONVOY of the
above CHAPTER will be held in the
FIREMEN'S HALL, Zetland Street, on
THURSDAY the 29th Instant, at 8.30 for
9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are
cordially invited.

Hongkong, January 26, 1891. 1615

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE Monthly COMPETITION for the
FAKI CHALLENGE CUP, presented
by Dr. NOBLE, will be held on SATUR-
DAY NEXT, the 31st Instant, at 8.30 p.m.

Distances—200 and 300 Yards,
Seven Shots at each. Position—Standing
at 200 Yards; Sitting or Kneeling at 300
Yards. Entrance Fee 30 Cents.

A Launch will have the P. & O. Pier
at 3 p.m. to convey Competitors.

O. VIVIAN LADDS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 26, 1891. 177

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

STAINFIELD'S—I. QUEEN'S ROAD
EAST. A few doors below H. M.
Dockyard. PRIVATE BOARD and RE-
SIDENCE. Terms moderate.

Mrs. STAINFIELD.

Hongkong, January 6, 1891. 42

A. G. GORDON & CO., LIMITED.

THE Second Ordinary MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above
Company will be held at the HONGKONG
HOTEL, on SATURDAY, the 7th February
next, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the General
Manager, and Statement of Accounts to
31st December, 1890.

The Transfer BOOKS will be CLOSED
from the 27th January to 7th February
next, both days inclusive.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.
FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY!
T O - M O R R O W ,
29th January, 1891.

Under the distinguished Patronage of H.E. THE GOVERNOR SIR WILLIAM DES VŒUX AND LADY DES VŒUX.

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ENGLAND'S GREATEST CONTRALTO,
AND CONCERT PARTY.

MADAME PATEY.....(Soprano).
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Accompanist).

Box Plan at Messrs KELLY & WALKER,
LIMITED.
Dress Circle and Special Seats, \$3.00
Stalls, \$2.00
Back Seats, \$1.00
W. H. POOLE, Manager.
Hongkong, January 28, 1891. 187

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMasters and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-signer is requested, whom immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1455

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOIGTLANDER CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES,
RONTELL'S LIQUORS AND OTHER OPERA-GASSES,
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English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,
Chrystie & Co.'s ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY

in great variety.

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D I A M O N D JEWELLERY,

A Splendid Collection of the Latest London Patterns, at very moderate prices. 742

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No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE,
AND FAMILY HOTEL.

This ESTABLISHMENT is situated in a most central position opposite the Telegraph Office and two doors from the Chartered Bank. It offers FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATION to RESIDENTS and TRAVELLERS, a spacious Dining Room, and a large number of well FURNISHED Bed-Rooms with all comforts. A Good Table kept.

TABLE D'HÔTE:—Breakfast, 8.30 a.m.;
Dinner, 1 p.m.; Dinner, 7.30 p.m.
BOARD by the Month, Day, Single Meals, at reasonable rates.

ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO SERVE MEALS IN GENTLEMEN'S QUARTERS.
CONTINENTAL LANGUAGES SPOKEN.

MRS. BOHM,
Proprietress.

Hongkong, August 20, 1889. 1682

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$5,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL, 2,500,000
RESERVE FUND, 1,250,000

Board of Directors:
Hon. J. J. KESWICK,
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Hon. G. P. CHATER,
Vice-Chairman, Director.

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Full Particulars can be obtained at the Company's Offices, No. 3, Queen's Road Central.

A SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary,
Victoria Building, Hongkong, 3rd May, 1888. 844

INSURANCES.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 18, 1887. 1840

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 14, 1890. 1864

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM CALOUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. "Arabian" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Honkow & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's Godowns, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 2nd Proxime will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are also hereby informed that all Claims must be made before the departure of the Steamer, otherwise they will not be entertained.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 27, 1891. 181

UNION LINE.

FROM LONDON, ANTWERP, HAMBURG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamer "Alderley," Capt. Davis, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at Kowloon Piers and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st Instant, or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 22, 1891. 146

FROM SAMARANG AND BATAVIA.

THE Steamer "Borneo," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Honkow & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 28th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damage and/or shortages not later than the 27th Instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 22, 1891. 149

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESEX, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. "William Brewster," Captain F. Brown, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at Kowloon Piers and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 5th Feb., or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 26, 1891. 168

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM NEW YORK & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamer "Glengleas," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, East Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 29th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damage and/or shortages not later than the 5th February, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 23, 1891. 154

To-day's Advertisements.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEE.

STEAMSHIP BATAVIA, FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

THE above Steamer having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1891. 193

The Overland China Mail.

A WEEKLY JOURNAL FOR THE HOME MAIL.

IS PUBLISHED to suit the Departure of each ENGLISH and FRENCH MAIL STEAMER for Europe. It contains special Commercial intelligence, special tables of Shipping, and other information. The various Reports of Courts and Meetings, and all other news, are given in full as they appear in the Daily Journals.

The Overland China Mail, by the convenience of its form and the accuracy and fulness of its reports, has long been popular with residents who wish to send home a weekly budget of the news of Hongkong and the Far East. Circulating, as it does, among nearly all the old China hands at Hongkong, also among residents at the Trade Ports, and in the interior, it offers special advantages to advertisers.

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To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.
"THE GONDOLIERS."

The Society will give FIVE PERFORMANCES OF THIS OPERA on the following dates, commencing EACH EVENING, at 9 p.m. precisely, SATURDAY, 31st January.

MONDAY, 2nd February.

SATURDAY, 7th February.

MONDAY, 9th February.

SATURDAY, 14th February.

Tickets to the First Performance \$1 each, to the other \$2 each.

Season Tickets for all Five Performances \$5 each.

Tickets for any of the Five Performances can be booked at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Ltd., and after Monday, 20th Inst., at 11 o'clock a.m.

N.B.—Books of the Words of the Opera may be had from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Price, 50 Cents.

SPECIAL TRAM-CARS will run as follows:—

Deauv. Up.

Saturday, 31st Jan. 8.30 (15 mins. after

da. 7th Feb.) 8.45 (from Gloucester)

ROBERT LYALL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1891. 196

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at *average rates* for NINGPO, CHEFOU, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

Taiping, Captain JACKSON,

Captain JACKSON, will be despatched above on

FRIDAY, the 31st Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 28, 1891. 193

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship

Faith, Captain DAVIDSON,

Captain DAVIDSON, will be despatched for the above

Ports on SATURDAY, the 31st Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 28, 1891. 192

SHIPPING.

CARRIERS.

An official telegram published by the Tonkin papers, which states that the French Chambers assembled on the 13th inst., without incident. The same presidents and bureaux were elected, the only change being the election of Mr Daniel as Vice-President of the Senate in room of M. Maguin, who retired voluntarily. M. Flouquet, in taking possession of the presidential Chair of the Chamber of Deputies, delivered a speech which was much applauded. He reviewed the work accomplished by the Chamber and what still remained to be done, dwelling on the republican aspirations of the country, more particularly in regard to the result of the election of the Chamber (the senatorial elections). He concluded by quoting the words of Gambetta, that the republic must be surrounded with institutions men and no federal and democratic in order to unite all patriotic and all Frenchmen. A beautiful official telegraph from Sir Hayes agency stopped, the Tonkin papers have been entirely dependent on Hongkong for telegraphic news. The Under-Secretary for the Colonies, who took the business in hand, of course considers that the colonists in Tonkin are only interested in what members of the Government say and do. If M. Flouquet had said that the French Government had adopted a reactionary policy and were endeavouring to throw up a wall of China around France, so as to stifle her industries, encroach monopolies, curtail the liberties of the people and engender strife with other nations, he would have been nearer the truth.

BURNING OF THE SHANGHAI.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

The following Circular has been forwarded to the owners and Agents of British Coasting and river steamers:—

The undersigned begs to circulate for the information of the owners and agents of British and Coasting vessels the accompanying Translation of a letter from the Total on the necessity of taking measures for the prevention of such disasters as the burning of the steamers Shanghai and Pauding.

Whatsoever may have been the cause of these lamentable occurrences there is no doubt that the carelessness of Chinese passengers and their failure to observe regulations are sources of great dangers.

The undersigned would suggest to agents and owners interested the advisability of meeting together to see what other arrangements can be made in their canon interest, and he would be obliged if they would favour him with their views on the subject.

(Signed) P. J. URQUHAR,

H.B.M.'s Consul-General, Shanghai.
16th January, 1891.

From Nich Taishi to Consul General
Hughes, Shanghai.

Dated Kwang-su XVI, 12 4 (13th January 1891)—(Received 16th January 1891.)

(Translation.)

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that on the 8th January His Excellency Shih, Superintendent of Trade for the Southern Ports, in consequence of the burning of the Tao-tai of Chinkiang on a report of Messrs Butterfield and Swire's steamer Shanghai, with freight loss of £10,000, instructed me to place myself in communication with you with a view to the framing of stringent Regulations for protection against such disasters in the future, both as regards Chinese and as regards foreign steamers.

I have also received from the Tao-tai of Chinkiang a despatch of the same tenor.

The Regulations for protection against fire on both sea and river steamers were originally, I understand, extremely strict and complete. Passengers were not allowed to be guided merely by their own individual caprice in the matter of lighting fires and smoking tobacco, and cargo like matches were not allowed to be carried except upon special restrictions. The result was, that fires were of very rare occurrence.

With increase in the number of steamers employed to carry on trade between China and foreigners, and the fall in freight and passage caused by competition, there has grown up a lax system of allowing passengers to smoke when, where, and how, they like, and of allowing them the greatest liberty, also, in all other respects, in order to attract custom. In fact so far as matters managed now from the way in which they were under the old strict system, that even the coolies employed on the ship are allowed to go about smoking Japanese cigarettes and to throw them about anywhere they please, to become possibly the cause of a fire on board. This laxity in the matter of regulations has already resulted in accidents to two of the steamers, and the death of a great number of people; first the Pao-ching, and afterwards the Shanghai having been burnt to the water's edge with circumstances of unparalleled horror.

It is evident that if the same causes are allowed to continue to exist, the same accidents will continue to occur; and it should be our business now to arrive at a conclusion as to what Regulations must be enforced in order to ensure safety for the future. I am at present in communication with the Directors of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company on the subject, and I am also writing separately to each of the Consular representatives of foreign countries with a view to the companies or merchants concerned being moved to give their attention and take the necessary steps. I now have the honour to request that you will co-operate with me in this matter by moving the British firm or companies connected with the trade to take into consideration the question of what measures shall be adopted in order to ensure the attainment of the end which we have in view.—Awaiting your reply, I have the &c. &c.

CARD OF NINE TAOTAL.

THE BURNING OF THE JAPANESE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.
THE ELECTRIC LIGHT SUPPOSED TO BE THE CAUSE.

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M. Sano, Chief Secretary of the House of Representatives, in explaining his experience to the deputies next day in the Imperial Engineering College, said that just as he was about to retire for the night, he found sparks playing round the rim of one of the buildings, at the place where the electric wire passed, or about a second flame having made its appearance quickly afterwards. On the corner of the Government Delegates' Room just below the ceiling. He had at that point which we had not previously noticed. Being convinced, he, of the electrical origin of the fire, he hastened off to the House of Peers and gave orders to have the electric light turned off, as it appeared to be burning in certain rooms there. The servants replied that the light was never turned on in the rooms referred to, and that the keys were not at hand. Mr Sano directed a servant to break in, when it was found that all the lights were burning brilliantly though the connection was not supposed to have been established. Thus everything goes to show that the apparatus was out of order on the night of the conflagration.

The cost of the erection of the two houses and outbuildings, exclusive of ornaments was \$227,000. As most of our readers are aware, the houses were made of wood. They were extremely ugly, and the German architect who superintended their erection was so dissatisfied with the amount of liberty and money allowed him that, as is known to a few of his friends, he threw up his appointment and went home again.

TELEGRAMS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

DIED LIKE A MAN.

London, December 23.—Mrs Pearcey was hanged to-day for the murder of Mrs Hogg and her baby. Previous to being pinioned the unhappy woman shook hands with the hangman and repeated to him the assertion that she would "die like a man." On her way to the scaffold, Mrs Pearcey positively refused any assistance, saying quietly to those who offered to help her, "I am leading from her cell to the scaffold, I can walk to it alone?" On the scaffold she never faltered for an instant, and met her fate as she said she would "like a man."

THE POPES ANNIVERSARY.

Rome, December 23.—The Pope, responding to congratulations of the cardinals on the fifty-third anniversary of his priesthood, deplored the war of sects against the church and reaffirmed the rights of the papacy. He appeared fully recovered from his recent indisposition.

EMPEROR WILLIAM.—HE ANNOUNCES HIS INTENTION OF VISITING PARIS.

Paris, December 23.—The Gaucho announces to-day that Emperor William has decided to visit Paris. The Emperor, according to the Gaucho, will travel in strict incognito, and will not take up his residence at the German Embassy. Subsequently the German Emperor will proceed to Cannes and the Tyrolean.

The Tokyo Electric Light Company are naturally endeavouring to combat the opinion that the electric light was the cause of the conflagration. Further, foreign countries also took no little interest in the result of the introduction of constitutional institutions in Japan, and such an incident as just occurred might easily be misconstrued by persons at a distance. It was therefore desirable that telegraphic information should be sent abroad announcing the fact of the fire and explaining its cause. Doubtless the responsibility of the heavy loss would fall upon the Electric Light Company, but the injury done to the reputation of the system of electric lighting could not be confined to Japan; it would extend to all lands. No effort should be spared to prevent public prejudice from being excited against an invention which did such credit to the scientific ability of the century and deserved such a boon on mankind. He therefore proposed that a Special Committee of nine members be appointed to inquire minutely into the cause of the fire, and to report publicly to the House.

This motion was supported by several members but was not carried, the majority holding that the duty of enquiring devolved on the police.

It is also stated that the object of the Emperor's contemplated visit to Paris was discussed between Chancellor von Caprivi and Heribert, French Ambassador, and the latter, it appears, was eventually referred to Ribot, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and on December 18th the French Cabinet discussed the Emperor's proposed visit.

Paris, December 24.—Regarding Emperor William's proposed visit to this city, La Liberté, although sure that a majority of the people will abstain from offensive demonstrations, thinks that the German Emperor, in coming to Paris, will be playing with fire.

PROTECTION IN ECUADOR.

Mendoza, December 24.—The Government has introduced a bill raising the duties on spirits, sugar, perfume, silks, tinned prawns and tobacco, and cigarette matches which was not allowed to be carried except upon special restrictions. The result was, that fires were of than of very rare occurrence.

With increase in the number of steamers employed to carry on trade between China and foreigners, and the fall in freight and passage caused by competition, there has grown up a lax system of allowing passengers to smoke when, where, and how, they like, and of allowing them the greatest liberty, also, in all other respects, in order to attract custom.

In fact so far as matters managed now from the way in which they were under the old strict system, that even the coolies employed on the ship are allowed to go about smoking Japanese cigarettes and to throw them about anywhere they please, to become possibly the cause of a fire on board. This laxity in the matter of regulations has already resulted in accidents to two of the steamers, and the death of a great number of people; first the Pao-ching, and afterwards the Shanghai having been burnt to the water's edge with circumstances of unparalleled horror.

It is evident that if the same causes are allowed to continue to exist, the same accidents will continue to occur; and it should be our business now to arrive at a conclusion as to what Regulations must be enforced in order to ensure safety for the future. I am at present in communication with the Directors of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company on the subject, and I am also writing separately to each of the Consular representatives of foreign countries with a view to the companies or merchants concerned being moved to give their attention and take the necessary steps. I now have the honour to request that you will co-operate with me in this matter by moving the British firm or companies connected with the trade to take into consideration the question of what measures shall be adopted in order to ensure the attainment of the end which we have in view.—Awaiting your reply, I have the &c. &c.

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